

# ARE WE SINNERS?

1 John 1:6-10

**1 John 1:5** *Light*: speaks of proper vision, visibility, intelligence, excellence. ... a symbol of a life of purity and holiness.

Because of fact that God is light we ought to walk in the light. ...fellowship with Him and fellowship with other believers.

Vital that we are Biblically correct in two doctrines: 1. God 2. Man

How we view these doctrines has a very profound effect on our view of sin.

Theology influences our anthropology

Anthropology influences our Harmartology

## 1. Sin does not hinder fellowship.

Response: ...*we lie, and do not the truth*:

Heibert *We are failing to give an expression to the truth in daily life.*

Solution: Walk in the light.

Result: 1. Fellowship 2. Cleansing

## 2. We do not have a sinful nature.

Eradication of old sin nature. ...*we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us*.

Solution: *Confess*: agree or declare alike; to say same thing about it as God.

A willingness to outwardly, verbally acknowledge and admit sins and to call them what God calls them.

*Sins*: plural. name specific sins and confess them.

Because of God's character we experience

1. Forgiveness for sins

2. Cleansing from all unrighteousness

*Faithful*: reliable, consistent, dependable. He can be trusted to do what He has promised. Faithful to keep His word.

Psa 103:3; 130:4; Matt 6:14; Acts 5:31; Eph 1:7

*Just*: righteous, consistent with holiness.

**Burdick**: *Since Christ has fully atoned for sin, God is bound by His righteousness to forgive all who repent and confess their sins.*

*Forgive*: to send forth, send away. Remit or completely cancel debt.

Vines: *It involves the complete removal of the cause of offence; such remission is based upon the vicarious and propitiatory sacrifice of Christ.*

To leave behind, abandon.

Forgiveness always comes on the heels of repentance and confession.

**Isa 1:18 Jer 31:34**

*Cleanse from all unrighteousness:* make us clean from all pollution of sin.  
Sin always defiles

*All:* thorough, complete.

### **3. I have not sinned.**

I haven't done anything wrong

Possibly, I am now in the state of never having committed sin...I have never sinned

Kistemaker: *This is the blatant attitude of the unrepentant, unregenerate infidel*

Isa 6:5 Job 40:3; 42:6

*If we say that we have not sinned:* denial of the fact of sin...or a self-righteous attitude.

*We make Him a liar:* attack character of God and destroy whole foundation of salvation and atonement for sin.

Heibert: *Such a claim is a direct attack upon the character of God and impugns His whole program of human redemption*

Not only accuses God of telling a lie, but it declares that the very character of God is that of a liar...deceptive, false.

**Blasphemous:** Jn 8:44

To deny the fact that you have sinned is in all actuality to call God a liar because throughout the scriptures, He has told us that we are sinners.

If I refuse to acknowledge my sinfulness, it is evident that God's revelation, His Word, has never found a lodging place in my heart.

*And his Word is not in us.*

Heibert: *That divine message, personally communicated and embodied in the Christian*

John 8:36-37